

HA-813  
WRIGHT HOUSE  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1860

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wright House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

324 N. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN

6  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

Harford  
COUNTY

STATE

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Duane Henry

Telephone #: 939-4252

STREET &amp; NUMBER

324 N. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Havre de Grace, Md.

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 886

Folio #: 515

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Harford County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

45 S. Main St.

STATE

Bel Air,

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

HA-813

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Wright House is a mid 19th century, two story, five bay, frame house with a two story ell on the rear. A later two story addition joins the west wing of the ell. Used as a photography studio and residence, the house is covered with clapboards, painted blue with white trim. The building faces east on N. Union Avenue with a yard on the south and an empty store almost abutting it on the north.

The house has two porches. On the principle facade (east elevation) a three bay porch with a bracketed hip roof supported by octagonal posts frames the doorway and windows on either side of it. On the ell is a two story, two bay porch with square posts and a railing across the top floor.

Windows are placed symmetrically on the facade; all of them are 6/6 light, double-hung sash with two panel shutters on the first floor and louvered shutters on the second floor. Windows on the west elevation of the ell are irregularly placed; most of them are 6/6 light sash with 1/1 sash on the first floor. Two small windows in the gable end of the ell have four light sash.

The main entrance is in the central bay of the facade (east elevation). The door is framed by a one light transom having a decorative band of molding and dentils below it and sidelights with panels beneath them. The door itself is paneled with four round arches, the upper two arches being larger than the lower ones. Doors on the first and second story, south elevation of the ell open on to the porch; these entrances appear to be altered.

The main block has a hip roof covered with asphalt shingles: two interior end brick chimneys are flush with the end walls. The ell has a asphalt shingled gable roof with wide eaves and the ridge running north to south; a chimney is located at the ridge, on the West elevation. The two story addition has a standing seam tin roof with a small central chimney.

**Interior:**

Internally, the house has a modified center hall plan with a room on either side of it. Both rooms have fireplaces with mantle shelves supported by pilasters on the outside walls. The chimney breast in the north room has a two paneled cupboard built in it.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Today the Wright house is used as a combination residence and photography studio, serving as a good example of what can be done with property outside of the Central Business District other than making them into rental units.

Union Avenue runs north to south with the Chesapeake Bay at the southern end. Wide and tree shaded with many architecturally significant buildings of different styles on it, it is the town's most visually impressive street. The northern end, where the Wright House is located, is particularly rich in 19th and early 20th century architecture. Whereas at the southern end, particularly in the blocks between the hospital and the bay, most of the houses interspersed with doctor's offices built in the last decade, are new.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton, Architectural Surveyor

12/1/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Md

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## WRIGHT HOUSE

## LAND RECORDS

HDC 886 515

Grantor: Louise H. Miller and Joseph D. Silverstein

Grantee: Duane A. Henry and Wilma F. Henry

Parcel known as 324 N. Union Ave.

GRC 817 107

June 19, 1969

Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach, executor for the estate of Clarence L. Wright, deceased

Grantee: Louise H. Miller and Joseph D. Silverstein

Being a part of lots 60, 66 and 73 in sq. 232. Property sold at public auction for \$41,500.00

SWC 237 234

June 7, 1935

Grantor: Jackson W. Maslin

Grantee: Clarence L. Wright and Fannie W. Wright

WSF 108 245

August 22, 1903

Grantor: Martha J. Wright

Grantees: John G. Wright & Clarence L. Wright  
\$5,500

ALJ 59 160

June 18, 1887

Grantor: Amos Spenser

Grantee: Martha J. Wright

\$5,500 A lot in square 232

ALJ 27 238

July 3, 1872

Grantor: James R. Tarleton

Grantee: John Wright

WG 13 109

May 12, 1862

Grantors: Robert L. Morgan &amp; Elizabeth, his wife

Grantee: John Wright

\$475.00

ALJ 8 10

September 13, 1855

Grantor: Mary Goldsborough

Grantee: Robert L. Morgan

5 lots fronting on Union St. (60, 66, 73, 80, 87)

Title Search by James C. Bosworth, Jr.



# HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.

SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7600/7.5

1953

PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SE-SERIES V833





Wright House HA - 813

322 N. Union Ave

Hauve de Grace

East Facade

Marion Morton

5/1977



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Havre de Grace

S. Elee.

Marion Morton  
5/1977